

Introduced by Senators Lowenthal and Vincent

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An act to add and repeal Division 106.5 (commencing with Section 126000) of the Health and Safety Code, relating to childhood obesity mitigation, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 479, as introduced, Lowenthal. Childhood obesity mitigation.

Under existing law the Office of Multicultural Health, within the State Department of Health Services, serves as a resource for ensuring that programs keep data regarding multicultural health issues, including child obesity.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to establish the Childhood Obesity Mitigation Pilot Project, and would authorize local agencies and a children's hospital to participate in the pilot project. The bill would provide for the administration of the pilot project by a committee that consists of representatives of participating entities.

This bill would establish the Childhood Obesity Mitigation Fund in the State Treasury, and would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund for the purposes of the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares both of the
2 following:

1 (a) Child obesity is a serious and growing problem for
2 California residents.

3 (b) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature in enacting this
4 act to establish a pilot project to test the effectiveness of a
5 multijurisdictional, public-private partnership effort to mitigate
6 the problem of childhood obesity.

7 SEC. 2. Division 106.5 (commencing with Section 126000) is
8 added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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10 DIVISION 106.5. CHILDHOOD OBESITY MITIGATION

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12 126000. The State Department of Health Services shall
13 establish the Long Beach Childhood Obesity Mitigation Pilot
14 Project.

15 126001. (a) There is established in the State Treasury the
16 Childhood Obesity Mitigation Fund, which, notwithstanding
17 Section 13340 of the Government Code, is hereby continuously
18 appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for expenditure
19 pursuant to this division.

20 (b) The pilot project may accept financial contributions and
21 grants from private entities and foundations and from public
22 agencies.

23 (c) The fund may be used for matching federal funds for
24 childhood obesity mitigation efforts and for treatment rendered to
25 Medi-Cal eligible children pursuant to the pilot project
26 established by this division.

27 126002. The following entities may participate in the pilot
28 project:

29 (a) The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human
30 Services.

31 (b) The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation,
32 and Marine.

33 (c) The Long Beach Unified School District.

34 (d) Miller Children's Hospital.

35 (e) The YMCA of Greater Long Beach.

36 126003. (a) Activities of the pilot project shall be directed by
37 a committee that includes a representative of each entity
38 participating in the pilot project pursuant to Section 126004. The
39 committee shall select one member thereof to serve as a

1 chairperson. The members of the committee shall be appointed
2 by, and serve at the pleasure of, the appointing authority.

3 (b) The members of the committee shall serve without
4 compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and necessary
5 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the
6 committee.

7 126004. The committee shall develop policies and procedures
8 to set forth the criteria to be used in selecting children whose
9 parents will be invited to participate in the pilot project. The
10 policies and procedures shall give preference to Medi-Cal
11 eligible children whose participation will generate federal
12 matching funds.

13 126005. The committee shall determine the best approach to
14 treating participating children, but may initially utilize different
15 models to test outcomes from the following:

16 (a) A school-based treatment model.

17 (b) A hospital-based treatment model.

18 (c) A public health-based treatment model.

19 (d) A parks and recreation-based treatment model.

20 (e) A community-based treatment model.

21 126006. (a) The committee shall submit a report on the
22 implementation of the pilot project to the department.

23 (b) The department shall submit a report on the pilot project to
24 the appropriate committees of the Legislature on or before
25 December 31, 2007.

26 126007. The department shall seek federal matching funds for
27 expenditures made from the fund established by this division.

28 126008. This division shall remain in effect only until January
29 1, 2008, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
30 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2008, deletes or extends
31 that date.